

Enhancing Education Through Technology, commonly referred to as **E2T2**, was established as a part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public Law, 107-110, Title II, Part D, Section 2401. Under this federal program, the South Carolina Department of Education awards sub-grants to eligible school districts and school district partnerships. The purpose of the E2T2 grant is to improve student academic achievement through the effective integration of technology.

The following three goals are cited in the guidelines accompanying the documentation of Title II, Part D, Section 2401:

1. Improve student achievement through the use of technology
2. Assist every student to become technologically literate by the end of the eighth grade
3. Encourage the effective integration of technology to help facilitate goals one and two

Competitive Grant

On January 8, 2009 the SCDE Office of eLearning announced the notification for the 2009-2010 Competitive grant.

Districts eligible to apply as individual applicants for the 2009-010 E2T2 subgrants must have a high need for the technology and a poverty percentage of 20.24 or higher, as defined by the United States Office of Management and Budget.

All other districts are eligible to apply in a partnership with a district meeting the poverty percentage requirements. In all cases the district meeting the poverty percentage requirements must be the fiscal agent. Eligible applicants are listed on page 4; section C of the Request for Proposals (RFP) application package.

All applicants intending to submit an application must notify the SCDE with an Intent to Apply no later than 4:30 p.m., January 23, 2009. To submit an Intent to Apply, e-mail David Nelson at dnelson@ed.sc.gov and include

- name of the Table 1 applicant district serving as the fiscal agent
- contact name, phone number, and e-mail address
- any partnering organizations or districts involved in the application.

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 27, 2009.

The RFP can be accessed at <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/offices/Tech/edtechgrant/> under 2009-2010 Competitive Grant Information.

Formula Grant

The SCDE has awarded 76 districts Formula allocations for the 2009-2010 school year. Formula district funds are calculated based on Title I counts, and 86 school districts are eligible to apply for grant monies. Total funds available amount to \$1,830,253.36.

In addition to the completion of the 2008 Technology Counts Survey and SCDE-approved technology plan, district recipients are required to assess all 8th grade students and K-12 personnel in the district.

More information on the Formula grant is available at the above website.